

Young People's Work.

FROM MT. PLEASANT, K. O.

DEAR EDITOR:—I was appointed by the president of the King Children Society to write a letter to the EVANGELIST. The society is composed of little boys and girls, young men and women and also older persons, and we meet every Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. We read verses each evening that applies to the lesson; then some one talks upon the subject and explains it; in this way we hear many passages of Scriptures quoted that refers to the subject. I think it is a very nice way to study the Bible and we can learn much in this way. I love to attend the meetings and believe we can spend an hour each Sunday evening in doing good. My mamma organized this society when she came home from the national conference and we are getting along very nicely. I hope we will continue to grow and be the means of doing much good.

FLORENCE MYERS.

LANARK KING'S CHILDREN.

In response to the call made by our National Pres., brother Talley, we took up a collection at our regular King's Children meeting, this evening, which amounted to \$2.14 to be used in starting a fund for *Ashland University*. This may seem small to begin with, but if each society will do what they can, it will amount to quite a sum, and will be an interesting feature, to report at our next year's convention. In three months we expect to have a collection for the Book and Tract work. Who will be the next to respond to this call: come let us hear from you. Our King's Children is growing both in interest, and attendance, and I hope the day is not far distant, when there will be an organization in every church in the Brotherhood. It is very encouraging to hear of so many new societies. It is such a grand work that all our young people should be engaged in it. Let us rally to the support of our own College, our own literature and our own church.

EMMA K. LICHTY.

KING'S CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IN INDIANA.

The state conference of Indiana, and a glorious conference it was, is now over. A report of the young people's work will appear with the general report but I wish to say a few words besides.

The work has not been pushed very vigorously and at present there are but five Christian Endeavor and three King's Children societies in the state. A state organization has now been effected and the above

name has been adopted for all the societies in the state and in addition, in order to bring about a closer union of our societies and allow co-operation with the Y. P. S. C. E. The conference recommended that either the C. E. constitution be used or the C. E. pledge and consecration meeting be added to the present K. C. constitution. All societies about to be organized in the state should organize in this way, which in reality is the plan adopted by our national conference in '92, with the exception of the C. E. constitution. It has also been formally adopted in the Kanamorado district and seems to me to be the only one on which all can unite without curtailing our success by a narrow policy.

Now let the societies in Ind., keep to the front in their work and report it through the paper and any wishing help will please write to the secretary, Miss Mary Metzger, Elkhart, Ind., or myself as assistant secretary and let us push the work.

C. F. Yoder.

Sisters' S. C. E.

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HOW MAY WE MANAGE OUR HOUSEHOLD DUTIES SO THAT WE MAY HAVE MORE TIME FOR CHURCH WORK?

Read before the S. S. C. E. of North Liberty, O.

In considering this subject it is necessary that we in the first place notice a few of the many duties devolving upon us as mothers and housewives. And as the family and home is the first institution of God it is our first duty to take care of the home. In the home where there are children, and no home is complete without them.

These precious gifts of God should have our chiefest care. We must look well to their physical, moral and intellectual development, but in order that we may be successful in this great work, constant watchfulness and earnest prayer are indispensable. Next the faithful mother and housewife must see that plenty of wholesome food and comfortable and clean beds and clothing are provided for the family. She should also see that the home is orderly and attractive, especially so where there are boys growing up. It has been said "that the church and nation are what the homes make them." Thus we see why our duties begin at home; but like charity they do not end there. I have thus shown that church work and the purifying of the nation begin in the Christian home. Then let us take courage and not think our "sphere" too narrow, if we carry on our work in the home after the Divine plan.

There we do our church and national work.

But since there are so many neglected homes, and little ones it becomes our duty to look after them also. It is selfish and unchristian indeed to be content with the well fare of our own and not try to better the condition of others, both temporarily and spiritually. Let us then try to see how we may manage to do the most good in the world. To do this we must be economical, with both time and money that God entrusts to us. These are precious blessings and yet often wasted. We have already noticed what the requirements of the well ordered home are; and I will now try to show how we may be mistaken in our ideas of these requirements and how we may misapply the good things from the Lord, which should be spent for His glory and the salvation of souls. In order to have wholesome food we must have a change of diet; but we do not need a great variety at the same meal. It is worse than useless to serve more than two kinds of vegetables, one of meat and one of pie. Indeed I think it intemperate to eat more than one piece of pie at dinner. It is custom in some localities to eat pie! pie! pie at dinner, breakfast and supper. This is bad taste and injurious to the digestion. Pie should be served at dinner only and is even then better in the breach than the observance. The bill of fare at breakfast, simple and nutritious; for supper, only light and early digestible food should be eaten. Then again to have comfortable clothing, and plenty, does not imply that we must waste so much precious time (for we have only a moment at a time,) on tucks and ruffles this costs time and wastes strength both in the making and ironing of them. I know a woman who once would stand on one foot at the solemn hour of midnight and at the same time rock the cradle with the other foot and iron things that was never seen by any eye save her own. But alas! God saw it and Oh, what a sin! What a waste of time so necessary for rest for that mother. No wonder that little darling was fretful, how could it be otherwise? I am glad to say she has learned to do better and to-day raises her pleading voice against such wastes of time, strength and energy.

It has been my pleasure to meet some of the leading philanthropic workers but I have never seen many "tucks and ruffles" on them. I am glad the better class of society is crying out against these frivolities. Mother what do you think your merry romping boys care when they retire, whether the sheets were ironed on both sides or even all over one side, or if their pillow cases are ruffled and crimped? You had better spare your nerves and give your boys a gentle caress and bestow a good night kiss kindly. It may be the means of bringing them back from paths of sin where evil days overtake them.